

## NEWS RELEASE

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### City supports a joint RFP process with the NPA for a foot passenger ferry

#### Summary

At the December 7, 2015 Special In Camera Council meeting, Council provided its support to the Nanaimo Port Authority's (NPA) November 27 announcement to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a foot passenger ferry service between Nanaimo and Vancouver. Council believes that both the City and the NPA will benefit from working together in an effort to see a foot passenger ferry service created. It is therefore in the City's best interest to support the NPA with a joint RFP.

*Strategic Link:* Waterfront Enhancement (enhanced public access and use); Transportation and Mobility (enhanced transportation connections to Vancouver); Taking Responsibility (facilitating change and development consistent with vision and plans).

#### Key Points

- Council supports an open, collaborative and transparent RFP process in the development of a foot passenger ferry service between Nanaimo and Vancouver.
- A collaborative approach involving a number of local organizations working together, including the NPA, Snuneymuxw, the Regional District of Nanaimo, the Nanaimo Economic Development Corporation and the City, has many benefits, including the coordinated development of Nanaimo's waterfront.
- Moving forward, Council hopes that Island Ferry Services Limited will participate in the RFP process with a strong proposal.

#### Quotes

"Council is looking forward to working with the NPA through the RFP process to identify an operator for the foot passenger ferry. This project is a priority for both organizations. We hope to have a foot ferry operating by the end of 2016."

Bill McKay  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

"The Nanaimo Port Authority Board of Directors and staff are looking forward to working with the City of Nanaimo as well as our surrounding communities to create a RFP process that will secure a successful foot passenger service for Central Vancouver Island."

Jeet Manhas  
Chair  
Nanaimo Port Authority

#### Quick Facts

- A question and answer document is available with the online version of this news release.

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